

a control section which is configured to prevent said execution section from executing the operation when said determination section determines that the current mode is a mode other than the execution mode, even if said start key is operated.

21. The image recording apparatus according to claim 20, the determination section being configured to make determinations using, as a threshold value, a numerical value smaller than the number of digits in a destination telephone number.

22. The image recording apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the execution mode comprises a copy mode in which said image recording apparatus operates to copy an original, and the mode other than the execution mode is a facsimile mode in which said image recording apparatus operates to perform a facsimile communication.

23. The image recording apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the execution mode is a facsimile mode in which said image recording apparatus operates to perform a facsimile communication, and the mode other than the execution mode is a copy mode in which said image recording apparatus operates to copy an original.

24. An image recording apparatus comprising:

a panel section which has at least an inputting key operable to input a numerical value corresponding to one of a number of sheets to be copied and a destination telephone number;

a copy section which is configured to execute a copy operation when a copy mode, in which said image recording apparatus operates to copy an original, is selected;

a facsimile communication section which is configured to execute a facsimile communication operation when a facsimile mode, in which said image recording apparatus operates to perform a facsimile communication, is selected;

a start key which is configured to transmit an execution instruction to one of said copy section and said facsimile communication section;

a determination section which is configured to determine whether or not a numerical value input by said inputting key is a numerical value to be used in the copy mode; and

a control section which is configured to prevent said copy section from executing a copy operation when said determination section determines that the numerical value input by said inputting key is not to be used in the copy mode, even if said start key is operated to transmit the execution instruction.

25. An image recording apparatus comprising:

a panel section which has at least an inputting key that is operable to input one of a numerical value corresponding number of sheets to be copied and a destination telephone number;

a copy section which is configured to execute a copy operation, when a copy mode, in which said image recording apparatus operates to copy an original, is selected;

a facsimile communication section which is configured to execute a facsimile communication operation when a facsimile mode, in which said image recording apparatus operates to perform a facsimile communication, is selected;

a start key which is configured to transmit an execution instruction to one of said copy section and said facsimile communication section;

a determination section which is configured to determine whether or not a numerical value input by said inputting key is a numerical value to be used in the facsimile mode; and

a control section which is configured to prevent said facsimile communication section from executing a facsimile communication operation when said determination section determines that the numerical value input by said inputting key is not to be used in the facsimile mode, even if said start key is operated to transmit the execution instruction.

26. An image recording apparatus comprising:

a panel section which has an inputting key that is operable to input data related to one of a number of sheets to be copied and a destination;

a plurality of execution sections, each execution section being adapted to execute an operation corresponding to a mode selected as a current mode;

a start key which is configured to transmit an execution instruction to one of said plurality of execution sections;

a digit number counting section which is configured to count a number of digits input with said inputting key;

a mode switching section which is configured to select a current mode based on the number of digits counted by said digit number counting section; and

a control section which is configured to prevent an execution section of said plurality of execution sections from executing an operation when the number of digits counted by said digit number counting section is not equal to the number of digits to be used in the current mode, even if said start key is operated to transmit the execution instruction.

27. The image recording apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said image recording apparatus has a facsimile mode, in which said image recording apparatus operates

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to perform a facsimile communication, and a copy mode, in which said image recording apparatus operates to copy an original.

28. The image recording apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said control section is configured to prevent an execution section corresponding to the copy mode from executing a copy operation.

29. The image recording apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said mode switching section is configured to select the copy mode when the number of digits counted by said digit number counting section is smaller than a predetermined threshold value utilized during the facsimile mode.

30. The image recording apparatus according to claim 29, further comprising a display section which is configured to display only a number of digits which is smaller than or equal to said predetermined threshold value during the copy mode.

31. An image communication apparatus comprising:

a panel section which has an inputting key operable to input a numerical value corresponding to one of a number of sheets to be copied and a destination telephone number;

a plurality of execution sections, each execution section being adapted to execute an operation corresponding to a mode selected as a current mode;

a start key which is operable to transmit an execution instruction to an execution section;

a determination section which is configured to determine whether or not the current mode is an execution mode based on a numerical value input by said inputting key; and

a control section that is configured to prevent said execution section from executing the operation when said determination section determines that the current mode is a mode other than the execution mode, even if said start key is operated to transmit an execution instruction.

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32. An image recording apparatus comprising a facsimile transmission function and a copy function, said image recording apparatus comprising:

a panel section which has an inputting key operable to input a numerical value corresponding to one of a number of sheets to be copied and a destination telephone number;

a plurality of execution sections, each execution section being operable to execute an operation corresponding to a mode selected as a current mode;

a start key which is operable to transmit an execution instruction to an execution section;

a determination section which is configured to determine whether or not the current mode is an execution mode based on a numerical value input by said inputting key; and

a control section which prevents said execution section from executing the operation when said determination section determines that the current mode is a mode other than the execution mode, even if said start key is operated to transmit an execution instruction.

33. A method of controlling an image recording apparatus comprising a facsimile transmission function and a copy function, said method comprising:

determining whether or not a selected mode is an execution mode based on an input of a numerical value corresponding to one of a number of sheets to be copied and a destination telephone number; and